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Please add new claims 4/1-4/1 as follows:

A method for identifying an estrogen surface receptor agonist, said method comprising:

- a) contacting a cell with a test molecule, wherein said cell expresses an estrogen surface receptor, and
- b) determining if said test molecule induces an estrogen surface receptormediated response in said cell in an estrogen surface receptor-specific manner, wherein induction of said estrogen surface receptor-mediated response in said cell in said estrogen surface receptor-specific manner is inhibited by tamoxifen, occurs when a membrane impermeable form of said test molecule is used, and indicates that said test molecule is said estrogen surface receptor agonist.

The method of claim M, wherein said cell is an endothelial cell.

The method of claim 41, wherein said estrogen surface receptor is a human estrogen surface receptor.

The method of claim 43, wherein said estrogen surface receptor is ESR1.

The method of claim 41, wherein said determining step comprises measuring nitric oxide release from said cell.

The method of claim 41, wherein said determining step comprises measuring intracellular calcium levels within said cell.

The method of claim 41, wherein said determining step comprises measuring nitric oxide release from said cell and measuring intracellular calcium levels in said cell.--

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